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To: Superintendent

From: Chief Operating Officer

Date: March 11, 2022

Re: Approval of PTE for out-of-district Special Education Transportation.

Request that the School Committee approve a PTE for out-of-district Special Education transporation. NRT Bus, Inc.'s contract for busing for special education expires after this school year and it provided pricing to continue services. Our Transportation Director and I recommend approval of NRT's proposal which calls for some payment even when services are not rendered due to closure, as this quote represents a cost savings of approximately 1 million dollars versus the proposal which strikes this language. In assessing the costs and risks, we feel this is the better option.